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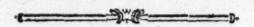
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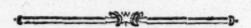
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If I smack of an obstinate Temper,
The Failing from you I derive;
While you try my Affections to hamper,
'Gainst Weather and Current you strive.

III.

I know 'tis a Maxim with you, Sir,
That Money all Faults will remove,
But each Guinea with me is as two, Sir,
When Wealth is ennobled by Love.



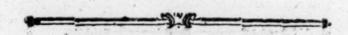
AIR. OLDCASTLE.

I.

'Tis the commonest Instance in Nature,
The pleasantest Subject of Satire,
No Object of Ridicule greater,
In the Records of Whim can be shewn;
To find others Faults how we labour,
And our Tongue, like a two-edged Sabre,
Hacks and hews the Desects of a Neighbour,
But never adverts to our own.

II.

Lord help us, what's come to your Reason,
That thus, out of Measure and Season,
Your Betters you issue Decrees on,
Setting up Judge and Jury in one;
Brother Lovibond, lay by your Jeering,
Your Carping, your Mocking, and Sneering,
At the Hump of another leave peering,
And, pr'ythee, look back at your own.



AIR. BRUMPTON.

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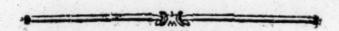
Though his Modes and Forms are slighted, Venus' Son beholds delighted, Ardent Hearts at View united, And adopts the Pair his own.

II.

Not by dint of tedious Sighing, Pining, Whining, Crying, Dying, Daily Oaths, and daily Lying, Did I make my Passion known;

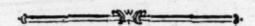
III.

But by Love's more artless Fancies, Silent, soothing, soft Advances, Ogling Looks, alluring Glances, I was caught, and she was won. Though his Modes, &c.



AIR. HARRIET.

As mourns the foft Songster confin'd from the Spray, And changes to Notes of Lamenting his Lay; So I, with my Freedom, my Spirits forego, And my Ditties, alas! all are Ditties of Woe; Oh! come then, my Belford, my well-belov'd Swain, Restore me to Mirth, and to Freedom again; Or still, if a Captive I'm sated to be, Alone make me Captive to Love and to thee.



A I R. OLDCASTLE.

Zooks! that an old Man can't keep a Chicken,
A finug Tit-bit for his own private picking,
And Means of Redress no Statute allows:
But aRake, like a fly Beast of Prey, will be watching,
New Mischies inventing, new Artifice hatching,
Of his White-legged Dainty the Owner to chouse.
Are there no Means in his Art to out-trick him?
Traps and Guns shall be planted to nick him,
On every Floor and each Stair of my House.



AIR. LOVIBOND.

I.

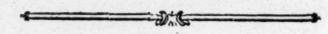
My Joy, my Pride,
While thee beside,
My Heart is light and gay;
Those Charms, so rare,
Old Age repair,
And Winter turns to May;
Those Charms, &c.

II.

No Time destroys
Our Hopes and Joys,
While Health and Mirth remain;
The honest Mind,
From Spleen confin'd,
Desies Old Age and Pain; Toll, loll, &c.,
Those Charms, &c.

III.

In Hymen's Bands
Adieu Commands,
My Harriet then shall sway;
In his bless'd Reign,
Let her ordain,
While I with Pride obey; Toll, soll, &c.
Those Charms, &c.



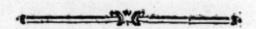
AIR. HARRIET.

I.

Fancy my Thought inspiring, Courage my Bosom firing, To Pleasure's Realms aspiring, On Love's gay Wings I rise; 5.3

II.

D ubt and Despair desying,
O Belford's Truth relying,
Fond Hope, her Aid supplying,
Shall wast me to my Joys.



AIR. MARY ANN.

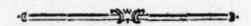
I.

At ruddy Eve, and rofy Dawn,
I rov'd the Fields at Leisure,
I danc'd at Freedom on the Lawn,
And took my Fill of Pleasure;

I rambled through the bushy Wood,
Where Rills were gently flowing;
Admir'd the Rose within the Bud,
And Violets sweetly blowing.

II.

How fweet to fee, along the Meads,
The Lads and Lafles playing;
When Spring entic'd them from their Beds,
And call'd them forth a-Maying!
Some new Vagary and Delight,
With ev'ry Day returning;
And Mirth and Pastime clos'd the Night,
And welcom'd in the Morning.



DUET. OLDCASTLE and MARY ANNE.

Old. His Words, his Looks, his wanton Smiles, Were only fly alluring Wiles, Your Pride should take Alarm;

Mar. So foft, so foothing was his Look, So gentle ev'ry Word he spoke, He could not mean to harm.

Oldc. Vows like his are ever harming. Mar. Vows like his are ever charming.

Olde. Then away to your Chamber, and mind what I fay;

What your Guardian advises, be fure to obey;

His Presents and Words you must learn to disdain.

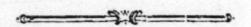
And do all you can to forget him again.

Mar. I'll away to my Chamber, nor mind what you fay;

What my Guardian advises, I cannot obey; His Presents and Words I can never disdain; And I'll do all I can to behold him again.

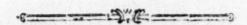
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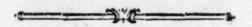
AIR. HARRIET.

WHEN a Point's in Agitation,
Whereon fome future Bliss depends,
What alarming Palpitation,
The anxious Bosom rends!
Now glowing Hope, now chilling Fear,
Now fullen Doubt, now dark Despair;
Then again comes Hope with ardent Fires,
Gives new Ambition, new Desires;
And sure Success inspires,



DUET. LOVIBOND and HARRIET.

Beauty is the Prize of Merit;
Boys and Fools appeal in vain;
Manly Sense and manly Spirit,
They alone the Fair obtain.



A I R. BELFORD,

I.

Sweet Peace, restore my wonted Rest,
No longer let me prove
The Pangs that rend the hapless Breast,
Of unrequited Love;
By thee protected, let me lie,
And shun the Scorn of Beauty's Eye,

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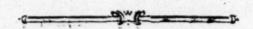
But should, ye Powers, the sweet, sweet Maid,
My Pains with Pity view;
And though my Sighs too weakly plead,
Lament a Swain so true:
Far greater Torments bid me prove;
I'll die adoring, die for Love.



A I R. BELFORD.

Oh, Love! thou Delight and Tormentor of Hearts; How balmy thy Comforts! how piercing thy Smarts: When diffres'd by the Frowns of the Nymph we adort,

The Pinions of Time move with Rapture no more. But when Beauty relents, and no longer we mourn; When Sighs of fond Passion are paid with Return; Our Years and our Days, Oh, how sweetly they sly! Each Moment of Life is a Moment of Joy.



A I R. BELFORD.

T.

How sweetly fits the simplest Phrase, Unseigned Passion to discover! Too weak, alas! my sondest Lays,

To shew how well, how true I love her;

As foon could I the glittering Stars,

That Midnight's fable Bosom cover,

In order number, as declare,

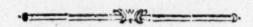
How well, how true, how dear I love her.

II.

Professions trick'd in Language high
The Force of Eloquence discover;
But Nature's Accents best imply,
The Meaning of a faithful Lover.
As soon could I, &c.

III.

Fierce Vows, too often sprung from Art,
Unfair Designs may serve to cover;
But Deeds of Kindness speak the Heart;
And they shall shew how well I love her.
As soon could I, &c.



AIR. MARY ANN.

I.

Come, Oh, come, my own dear Swain,
Be but true to Love and me;
Come, Oh, come, thy Faith maintain,
And my Guardian ever be!

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II.

Chase away these rude Alarms,
And beneath thy tender Care,
Take a Lass, that from thy Arms,
No Wealth nor Power shall tear.



TRIO. OLDCASTLE, PETER, BRIDGET.

Oldc. Villain! thus your Faith d'ye hold? 'Twas but by Way of Trial.

Peter. If you had not shewn the Gold, I still had made Denial.

Oldc. All my good Advice to fail; The Devil fure is in ye.

Brid. What will good Advice avail, When balanc'd with a Guinea?

Oldc. From your Duty and Virtue so quickly to fall!

Peter. Tis the Sight of this Gold that bewitches

Brid. us all.

If our Betters refift not the Force of a Fee, Say, how should such poor filly Creatures as we?

Oldc. From your Duty and Virtue foquickly to fall!

Pet. From our Duty and Virtue how could we but fall!

[us all.]

Brid. Tis the Sight of this Gold that bewitches Oldc. 'Tis the Sight of that Gold that be-devil's you all.

END OF THE SECOND ACT.



ACT III.

A I R, LOVIBOND.

I.

I often have thought, and I often have said,
'Tis Matter of greatest Surprise,
Such old ones as he still pursue their own Head,
And will not with wifer advise.

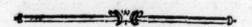
II.

An obstinate Grey-beard, by Dotage missed,
Returns to his Childhood again;
Good Counsel's the Go-cart wherein he should tread,
Or Woe to his poor shatter'd Brain!

III.

If these he provide not, all Mischief and Moan
Deservedly fall on the Elf;
For none should presume to proceed all alone,
Unless they're as wise as myself.

AIR.



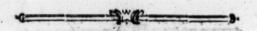
A I R. BRUMPTON,

1.

Lovers, when they meet Return,
Soft Return to am'rous Wishes,
Feel no more their Bosoms burn,
But dissolve in melting Blisses.
But debarr'd the fair-one's Sight,
All is Torment, all is Anguish;
Far they stray from cheering Light,
Doom'd alone to pine and languish.

II.

Yet, before I bid adieu,
Oh, forgive each rude Vexation!
Which from fond Endeavours grew
To reveal a faithful Passion.
Thus debarr'd my Fair-one's Sight,
Lest alone to pine and languish;
Robb'd of thee, my Star of Light,
All is Darkness, all is Anguish.



A I R. MARY-ANN.

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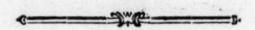
Two before me that adore me;
How, how shall I speak my mind!
One is pleasing, t'other teazing;
Where I ought to be, I'll be kind:
Then, Ah-well-a-day, what I covet, Oh!
Guess, and my Meaning sind.

II.

One to cheer me, ever near me,
Sweet smiling I wish to obtain;
T'other Creature, sour in Feature,
Never may I behold again.
Then, Ah-well-a-day, what I covet, Oh!
Guess, and my Meaning sind.

III.

One to wed me if decreed me,
Bless'd, bless'd wou'd be all my Hours!
But with t'other horrid Lover,
Marriage Mis'ry at once infures.
Then, Ah-well-a-day, what I covet, Oh!
Guess. and my Heart is yours.



TRIO. BRUMPTON, MARY-ANN, OLDCASTLE.

Brump. At length the false Dream of Delusion is o'er;
I wander in Doubt and in Darkness no more.

Man At length the false Dream of Delusion is o'en.

Mar. At length the false Dream of Delusion is o'er; I wander in Doubt and in Darkness no more.

Oldc. At length the fad Hours of Suspicion are o'er; I wander in Doubt and Vexation no more.

Mar. To your Honour be just, to your Promise be true:

Thus, firmly relying, I bid you adieu.

Brum. Endles Bleffings Fortune fend you.

Oldc. With your Leave, Sir, I'll attend you.

Brum. All your fairest Wishes crown.

Oldc. With your Leave, I'll fee you down.

To Honour be just—

To my Honour—

&c.

That if loft by our Crime, And never again may be ours.

On those who obey,

And are fond of his Sway.

Profession blacker he thow're

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A I R. BELFORD.

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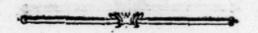
Cupid, befriends us,
His Sanction he lends us,
Rebuking our idle Delay;
He points to the Glade,
Where his Honours are paid,
And he cries, Come away, come away!

II.

Away with denying,
The Moments are flying,
And fleet is the Season of Love;
The God will repent
Of the Grace he has lent,
If the Favours we will not improve.

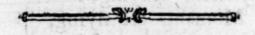
III.

On those who obey,
And are fond of his Sway,
Profusely his Blessings he show'rs:
Then seize we the Time,
That if lost by our Crime,
Ah! never again may be ours.



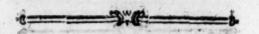
D U E T T. HARRIET and BELLFORD.

Love and Freedom now uniting,
Speak the happy Moments nigh;
Now to Hymen's Fane inviting,
Glad, their golden Course they ply,
And, in his Behest delighting,
Scatter Blessings as they fly.



A I R. MARY-ANN.

Tell me, Love, tell me, Love,
Tell the Fate I'm doom'd to prove;
Hope now shines with cheerful Ray,
Smiling Joys around me play.
Cupid, say, Cupid, say,
Will the flatt'ring Vision stay?
Let no mournful Change appear,
Gloomy Sorrow, boding Fear.
Tell me, Love, &c.



AIR. HARRIET.

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T. HARRIE and BESLE

Submission's the Lover's best Grace;
Loud Accents, and Menaces rude;
Each other Perfection efface;
By Softness the Fair is subdu'd.

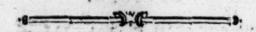
II.

Softeer Blowlings as they :

The Glances that partly reveal,
And partly suppress the soft Pain,
Mute Sighs, to the Soul that appeal,
These only the Fair can obtain.

AIR. HARRIET.

Come, my good Guardian, and compare The Bloom of Youth with aged Care; As you to Time, to you I bow; But here have pledg'd my faithful Vow. Believe me, Youth hath many Charms, Which long ago has left thy Arms. Be patient, Sir; this Flight will prove A School for Guardians, kept by Love.



FINALE.

BRUMPTON.

Affection, born of wild Desires, Uncertain, transient Joys inspires; But built on firm and fair Esteem, It then affords a Bliss supreme. Chor. It then affords, &c.

MARY-ANN.

Affection oft is truer seen,
When sporting round the rural Green,
Than there, where Wealth and Pow'r reside,
Tho' deck'd in all the Pomp of Pride.
Chor. Tho' deck'd, &c.

HARRIET.

By Nature Love was first design'd A gen'ral Good to all Mankind; "And Love, like Air, was widely giv'n, The purest, noblest Gift of Heav'n." Chor. The purest, noblest, &c.

BELFOLD.

Love himself will find the Way
His faithful Vot'ries to repay;
And decent Hymen most reveres
Consenting Hearts, and equal Years.
Chor. Consenting Hearts, &c.

OLDCASTLE and LOVIBOND together.

Tho' foolish once, grown wiser now, Let us this honest Truth allow, That decent Hymen most reveres Consenting Hearts, and equal Years,

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